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Shipping Weight and Value, Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The Customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of Customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1974 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The value reported in the export statistics generally is equivalent to a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price, including inland freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual Customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual Customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Inquiries concerning these figures should be addressed to the Chief, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Tel: Area Code 301, 763-5140.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2	under 5	under 10	under 20
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The Customs value shown in this report represents the value of imports as appraised by the U.S. Customs Service in accordance with the legal requirements of Sections 402 and 402a of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. It may be based on the foreign market value, export value, constructed value, American selling price, etc. It generally represents a value in the foreign country, and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States. This valuation is primarily used for collection of import duties and frequently does not reflect the actual transaction value.

The statistics shown for individual Customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample for 1974. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	119,709	(X)	26,633	17,165	50,995	17,067	2,726	3,346	1,163,180	(X)	122,061	98,738	591,872	236,836	33,722	34,703
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	41,556	10,177	6,142	17,055	5,639	753	832	(X)	403,779	57,109	29,802	182,981	85,335	12,114	7,830
Boston, Mass.	2,225	961	365	(Z)	1,672	122	24	41	28,018	11,598	2,492	7	24,295	683	247	294
Bridgeport, Conn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	118	118	118	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.	1,429	1,412	499	-	903	27	-	(Z)	5,986	5,637	5,092	-	736	158	-	1
New York City, N.Y.	47,062	15,458	3,317	4,274	31,480	5,841	190	1,960	566,193	158,918	23,072	40,455	398,272	80,365	2,533	21,495
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,457	684	235	162	530	486	3	43	12,067	4,914	1,947	1,811	4,277	3,694	26	311
Baltimore, Md.	44	44	37	-	1	6	-	-	465	464	369	-	7	89	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	20	20	20	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.	15	15	-	(Z)	(Z)	14	-	-	136	136	-	1	4	131	-	-
Savannah, Ga.	195	185	71	7	73	4	-	40	2,645	2,138	467	356	573	82	-	1,167
Tampa, Fla.	112	31	111	-	1	-	-	-	232	17	186	-	46	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.	6	6	-	(Z)	(Z)	5	-	-	63	58	-	5	4	54	-	-
New Orleans, La.	515	60	504	11	-	(Z)	-	-	2,571	703	2,448	122	-	2	-	-
Laredo, Tex.	209	114	208	2	-	-	-	-	820	370	812	7	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.	204	201	204	(Z)	-	-	-	-	1,693	1,668	1,689	4	-	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.	63	(Z)	8	-	-	55	-	-	4,161	17	432	-	-	3,728	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.	7,216	2,552	730	309	2,185	3,131	790	72	113,101	32,482	4,413	6,144	36,740	54,131	10,258	1,416
San Francisco, Calif.	3,796	2,136	396	71	410	2,029	885	5	85,347	48,424	5,840	1,002	11,303	50,202	16,816	184
Portland, Oreg.	175	169	52	-	120	2	(Z)	1	4,940	4,926	714	-	4,186	19	6	15
Seattle, Wash.	965	762	249	1	280	421	6	7	14,050	10,903	2,296	93	5,463	6,040	30	127
Anchorage, Alaska	148	111	1	-	2	145	-	-	1,187	1,076	112	-	19	1,056	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii	424	94	49	-	3	291	81	-	1,520	664	31	-	107	763	619	-
Great Falls, Mont.	45	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	313	313	313	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.	9	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	236	236	236	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.	151	149	143	-	(Z)	8	-	-	1,334	1,284	1,235	-	1	98	-	-
Detroit, Mich.	2,041	1,658	707	(Z)	1,285	35	3	11	13,555	12,297	3,384	4	9,639	435	37	56
Chicago, Ill.	10,343	4,465	2,162	7	6,206	1,689	12	267	96,943	40,911	18,405	104	53,776	21,985	35	2,638
Cleveland, Ohio	447	54	295	-	143	9	(Z)	-	3,300	1,082	2,055	-	1,093	152	1	-
St. Louis, Mo.	69	53	12	1	53	1	(Z)	(Z)	1,135	1,007	121	7	965	38	1	2
San Juan, P.R.	1,431	752	1,096	318	16	-	(Z)	1	6,806	3,284	2,796	2,164	1,771	-	14	62
Miami, Fla.	18,268	7,777	8,488	9,587	179	5	3	7	65,926	24,339	24,708	37,578	3,434	83	11	112
Houston, Tex.	1,771	483	458	313	332	524	2	141	14,786	2,925	2,697	1,276	3,477	3,614	83	3,639
Washington, D.C.	870	88	1	209	646	8	(Z)	6	19,696	1,684	7	3,311	16,086	219	14	59
All other districts	70	63	29	-	28	13	-	-	700	557	236	-	249	214	-	-
Shipments under $251	16,150	(NA)	6,143	1,893	4,446	2,196	726	746	47,869	(NA)	13,318	4,286	15,349	8,800	2,990	3,126
Special Category	1,776	958	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	45,249	28,608	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	96,693	(X)	15,441	11,122	43,309	25,418	577	597	786,699	(X)	82,315	37,067	406,312	228,905	6,009	25,812
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	39,135	4,821	4,098	18,069	11,779	285	84	(X)	325,706	44,079	12,609	164,024	100,893	3,047	1,053
Boston, Mass.....	2,280	854	55	15	2,139	58	(Z)	13	20,512	7,790	2,297	53	17,429	611	5	116
Bridgeport, Conn.....	1	1	(Z)	-	(Z)	1	-	-	49	22	15	-	27	7	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	272	194	196	-	68	7	1	-	4,133	2,826	3,594	-	427	102	10	-
New York City, N.Y.....	44,440	21,145	1,513	3,763	28,952	9,696	197	318	454,102	189,033	34,507	21,275	296,221	82,341	1,606	18,152
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,049	594	35	383	578	51	-	3	15,275	5,245	1,037	2,913	5,679	1,967	-	3,679
Baltimore, Md.....	4,115	30	4,105	-	10	(Z)	(Z)	-	724	554	606	-	116	(Z)	1	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	6	4	1	(Z)	4	-	-	-	34	21	4	2	29	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	2	1	(Z)	-	2	-	-	-	11	9	7	-	4	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	46	35	22	-	20	5	-	(Z)	764	731	151	-	563	50	-	(Z)
Tampa, Fla.....	74	43	33	-	40	1	-	-	177	36	144	-	32	1	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	2	2	-	2	(Z)	-	-	-	10	10	-	10	(Z)	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	685	476	236	442	4	2	(Z)	1	3,825	196	3,618	56	9	100	(Z)	42
Laredo, Tex.....	55	33	52	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	-	217	121	159	6	18	25	10	-
El Paso, Tex.....	26	21	24	1	1	(Z)	-	-	827	799	814	3	7	3	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	22	11	20	-	-	2	-	-	316	255	246	-	-	70	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	7,302	2,400	690	117	948	5,300	204	42	73,106	21,001	7,188	1,067	13,946	47,161	2,122	1,622
San Francisco, Calif...	5,416	2,756	86	11	211	4,990	115	3	71,506	35,546	1,407	182	1,966	65,961	1,879	111
Portland, Oreg.....	2	2	1	-	1	(Z)	-	-	32	32	10	-	4	18	-	-
Seattle, W sh.....	1,592	1,353	75	-	249	1,266	(Z)	2	15,851	12,433	1,348	-	4,478	9,998	24	3
Anchorage, Alaska.....	1,163	1,035	971	-	34	157	-	-	2,247	1,919	739	-	311	1,197	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	524	102	15	-	26	455	28	-	10,192	1,531	36	-	1,658	8,204	294	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	23	17	23	-	-	(Z)	-	-	477	474	476	-	-	1	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	12	10	8	-	4	-	-	-	408	161	122	-	286	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	382	372	16	-	11	355	-	-	2,014	1,903	392	-	60	1,562	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	2,253	1,743	336	(Z)	1,894	23	-	(Z)	7,347	6,048	1,477	2	5,680	189	-	(Z)
Chicago, Ill.....	4,947	1,660	455	12	3,742	662	4	73	44,967	14,295	7,646	36	30,740	5,426	22	1,097
Cleveland, Ohio.....	198	8	63	-	133	2	-	(Z)	981	125	444	-	509	28	-	1
St. Louis, Mo.....	36	2	23	(Z)	13	(Z)	-	(Z)	155	38	58	1	91	2	-	2
San Juan, P.R.....	2,493	654	1,994	359	135	5	-	1	5,338	1,516	2,663	1,248	1,398	28	-	3
Miami, Fla.....	9,645	2,714	3,438	5,739	326	89	7	46	21,706	6,047	8,920	9,262	2,756	538	8	222
Houston, Tex.....	421	159	199	33	156	32	-	1	4,704	748	1,075	76	3,035	391	-	127
Washington, D.C.....	863	693	22	(Z)	803	36	(Z)	1	16,721	14,144	16	575	15,396	210	5	519
All other districts....	36	11	31	(Z)	5	(Z)	-	-	280	96	241	3	28	8	-	-
Shipments under $251...	6,307	(NA)	702	244	2,797	2,222	19	94	7,690	(NA)	856	298	3,410	2,709	23	115

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